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AMENDMENT B

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 04/23/02, I have included in this response the following:

1. Response to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution.
2. Request to amend claim 10b.
3. Certificate of Faxing.

Very respectfully,

Thomas C. Thompson
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Response:

1. **The applicant is required under U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution...** The applicant originally intended claims 10-17 to cover the base, Figure 39D, and claims 18-21 to cover the locking mechanism, Figure 39E. The locking mechanism Figure 39E would be attached to the top of said base. If both species can not be prosecuted under this application, the applicant respectfully requests that the examiner prosecute claims 10-17, which relate to Figure 39D.
2. **Can the applicant amend claim 10 in order to include the part-circular sleeve of Figures 39A-D and Figures 41A-B?** Figure 39D uses a full-circle sleeve that is inserted into a drilled circle or core. Figures 39A-D and Figures 41A-B use a part-circle sleeve that is inserted into a drilled circle. Is it possible for the applicant to amend claim 10, at this stage, in order to include part-circle sleeves? If so, the applicant respectfully requests that the applicant amend Claim 10b as follows:
 - b. said base web having a generally circular-shape, with the bottom generally open;

3. **Certificate of faxing:**

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